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digital circuitry carried by the housing and operable to assist electronic components of the portable, wireless, communication device in processing digital information to increase a data rate of a wireless communication link whereby the apparatus enables the communication device to perform at a second higher data rate when the apparatus is connected to the communication device.

14.(amended) An apparatus for a cellular telephone communicating data at a first data rate, the apparatus comprising:

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a digital circuitry adapted to provide additional digital processing capability to the cellular telephone for increasing a maximum possible data rate of a cellular communication link; and

an interconnect adapted to detachably couple the digital circuitry to the cellular telephone and to assist in transferring information between the cellular telephone and the digital circuitry, whereby the cellular telephone which is capable of communicating at the first data rate over a wireless link when the apparatus is not connected is enhanced by the digital circuitry to communicate data at a rate higher than the first data rate when the apparatus is coupled to the communication device.

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16.(amended) The apparatus as in claim 14 wherein the digital circuitry comprises any of a microprocessor, a digital signal processor (DSP), and a micro-controller.

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24.(amended) A cradle for a portable, wireless, communication device capable of communicating data at a first data rate, the cradle comprising:
digital processing circuitry for enhancing the portable, wireless, communication device's ability to process information at a higher data rate; and
an interconnect for transferring the information between the cradle and the portable, wireless, communication device whereby the portable, wireless

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communication device, which communicates data at the first data rate over the air interface, is capable of communicating at a second higher data rate only while the cradle and the portable, wireless, communication device are coupled.

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30.(amended) A cellular telephone comprising:
a battery detachably connectable to the cellular telephone to supply the cellular telephone with power; and
a remote power source detachably connectable to the cellular telephone, wherein the cellular telephone is adapted to sense when the remote power source is coupled to the cellular telephone, the cellular telephone to alter a cellular telephone capability responsive to sensing the remote power source coupled to the cellular telephone, whereby the portable, wireless communication device, which communicates data at the first data rate over an air interface independently of the remote power source, is capable of communicating at a higher data rate only while the cradle and the remote power source are coupled.

33.(amended) A cellular telephone operational to communicate with at least one remote base station via a communication link, the cellular telephone comprising:

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a cellular telephone housing;
digital electronic circuitry carried by the cellular telephone housing for processing signals transmitted between the cellular telephone and the at least one remote base station via the communication link using an air interface protocol; and

remote circuitry detachably coupled to the digital electronic circuitry to alter a mode of operation of the cellular telephone,

wherein when the remote circuitry is coupled to the digital electronic circuitry, the cellular telephone provides an indication to the at least one remote base station of an enhanced performance capability enabled in the altered mode